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IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 25, 1825.

Twice read and referred.

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## AN ACT

*Confirming the Act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled "An Act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and an Act of the State of Maryland, confirming the same."*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the act of the Legislature of the state of Virginia, entitled  
4   *"An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Com-*  
5   *pany," be, and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed, so*  
6   far as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling any com-  
7   pany that may hereafter be formed by the authority of said  
8   act of incorporation, to carry into effect the provisions there-  
9   of, in the District of Columbia, within the exclusive juris-  
10   diction of the United States, and no further.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That, should the state*  
2   of Virginia or Maryland desire, at any time, to avail itself of  
3   the right secured to it, by the twenty-first section of the act

4 aforesaid, to take and continue a canal, from any point of the  
5 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to any other point within the  
6 territory of the District of Columbia, or through the same, on  
7 application to the President of the United States, by the Exe-  
8 cutive of the State, the President is authorized and empow-  
9 ered to depute three skilful commissioners of the United  
10 States' corps of Engineers, to survey and examine so much  
11 of the route of such canal as may affect, in any manner, the  
12 navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The said com-  
13 missioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain, as far as  
14 practicable, whether the canal proposed to be constructed by  
15 the state aforesaid, will injure or impede the navigation of the  
16 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and report to the President of  
17 the United States the facts and reasons on which they may  
18 ground their judgment thereupon; which report shall be sub-  
19 mitted to the Congress of the United States, at their session  
20 next ensuing the date thereof, for their decision thereon;  
21 and if Congress shall be of opinion, that the said canal may  
22 be cut in the manner proposed as aforesaid, without impeding  
23 or injuring the navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal,  
24 the same shall be conclusive thereon.

*February 25, 1825:*

Passed the House of Representatives.

Attest,

M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE, C. H. R.